

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2008. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are pending. Reconsideration of the present application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 stand objected to because of the following informalities: the target position" in line 11 of claim 1 should read- -a target position--. Appropriate correction has been made to claim 1.

Claims 1, 3-13 and 16-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brehmeier-Flick et al. (US 6,083,174) in view of Jeffries et al. (US 6,093,656).

Claims 2 and 15 stand rejected under 35. U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brehmeier-Flick in view of Jeffries as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Koet et al. US 4,519,401.

The carrier of the present invention is disclosed as being formed as a flat carrier with a rectangular cross-section. The Examiner states that Brehmeier-Flick's carrier is formed as a foil with a rectangular cross-section, and refers to Figures 1 and 2 of Brehmeier-Flick. Figure 1 is a top view and Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view. One cannot determine that Brehmeier-Flick's flexible foil 3 has a rectangular cross-section from these two figures, and it is clear that Brehmeier-Flick's flexible foil 3 is not flat. In addition, there is no disclosure whatsoever in Brehmeier-Flick that describes the shape of flexible foil 3. Thus, Applicant maintains that the present invention, as exemplified by amended claim 1, is neither taught nor suggested by Brehmeier-Flick. In addition, neither Jeffries nor Koet teach or suggest the deficiencies noted in Brehmeier-Flick.

Applicant respectfully requests that an early and favorable action on the merits be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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